Country	Rate
Canada (B.C)	1% of mine mouth value plus 13% on net revenue
China	13% on sales
India	Average 12% of sale value
Indonesia	Negotiable to maximum 13.5% on gross sales
Poland	2% on sale value
Russia	1-2% plus 5% reserve replacement tax on gross sales.
South Africa	By negotiation with mineral rights owner
USA Federal lands	None
USA State lands	13% on sales value

The royalty rates on coal are fixed by the Central Government taking into account the interests of the consumers, coal producing states and the interests of the economy as a whole independent of any consideration of the level of royalty rates fixed by any other country and therefore, the question of streamlining the royalty rates with international levels is not relevant.

Delay in Granting of Mining Lease to Aluminium Companies

301. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Aluminium Companies are hit by delay in grant of mining lease;

(b) if so, the problems in granting lease; and

(c) the other constraints faced by the refineries to get adequate supply of bauxite?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Under Section 10(3) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 mining leases are granted by the State Government concerned. Proposals for prior approval of the Central

Government for grant of mineral concessionsTor minerals specified under the First Schedule to the aforesaid Act originate from the respective State Governments and are processed and disposed of by the Central Government as per provisions of law. Bauxite is a mineral listed in the First Schedule to the Act and hence all efforts are made to expedite approval of the Central Government in the least possible time. In certain cases, the proposals received from the State Government are found incomplete and consequently, in such cases, the State Governments are asked to furnish complete information/additional information for expeditious disposal of such cases.

(c) Bauxite and alumina can be freely imported by the end users under the trade policy of the Government, and hence the aluminium refineries can supplement the indigenous supply of the raw material, if any, through imports.

Private sector participation in the production of coal and safety of mines

302. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have so far taken any final decision for participation of private sector for the safety of the mines and in the field of production of coal;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the specific projects identified for this purpose; and

(c) the other steps being taken by the Government to upgrade the coal sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) So far. Government has allowed private sector participation in production of coal for captive use by Indian companies engaged in production of iron & steel, power generation, production of cement and washing of coal obtained from a mine.

Private sector participation for the safety of the mines is not envisaged.